

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## EHS students plan trip to Europe

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

London, Paris and Rome are places many people only dream of one day visiting, but that dream will become a reality for some students of Elba High School this May.

The CHA (Cultural Heritage Alliance) tour, also known as "Discover Europe 2001" at EHS, is open to all eleventh and twelfth graders at Elba High School and any citizens from the community interested in taking the trip. The 12-day tour will take the students through London, Paris and Rome with extension to Southern Italy.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for the students," said Nancy Clark, EHS teacher and Discover Europe 2001 sponsor. "It will be their first time out of the country and a great educational experience."

After all, she said the whole point of the trip is education.

Those taking the trip will visit such famous locations as St. Paul's Cathedral, Notre Dame Cathedral, Louvre Museum, Florence's Duomo, Church of Santa Croce, Accademia, Florentine Leather Factory, Roman Forum, Colosseum, St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican Sistine Chapel and much more.

"I'm looking forward to seeing the Tower of London, the Louvre and Notre Dame Cathedral," said Cammie Kelley, a senior at EHS.

Kelley is one of two students currently signed up to take the



Katie Grimes (left) and Cammie Kelley (right) are the two EHS students currently planning to visit Europe in May. Above, they take a look at a map pin-pointing some of the places they will visit during the 12-day tour. Grimes said she is very excited to have this opportunity to go to Europe.

trip, along with one citizen from the community. Although, these three will make the trip, Clark said they are hoping to have at least five people go.

"We want to invite the community to go," said Clark. "Any adults in the community interested in visiting Europe should contact me at the school office."

And, there are many things in life she said time is of essence because the deadline to sign up and pay all fees is, Tuesday, Feb. 6.

"There isn't much time left, so, anyone wanting to take part in this should contact me immediately," said Clark.

Although the trip is offered at a cheaper rate through CHA, Clark said it is still a costly trip. Kelley is one of two students currently signed up to take the

working hard throughout the year holding fundraisers to help raise the money. And, she said contributions from businesses and individuals are a great help in defraying the cost for the students.

She said an account has been set up at The Peoples Bank in Elba for businesses and individuals to make their contributions in assisting the students in making this educational trip. Checks should be made payable to Discover Europe 2001 and sent to the attention of Nancy Clark at Elba High School.

"There is so much excitement among the students that they simply couldn't come up with a word to describe it," said Clark.

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**EDSCO GROWS...** The Elba Chamber of Commerce recently honored EDSCO Fasteners with a ribbon cutting ceremony in honor of the erection of a new office building. Several local officials and citizens were on hand to congratulate the business for its continued growth. Those present for the ribbon cutting ceremony were (from left to right) Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; Tonya Jones, Little Miss Elba Molly McGuire; Ted Roberts, Mike Hall, Doris Matthews, Rev. John Baxter, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Gene Strickland - vice president of EDSCO Fasteners; Carrie Hudson, Rhonda Stephens, Scotty Moulton, Daniel Stephens - president of EDSCO Fasteners; Herby McCall, and Miss Elba Valarie Moore.

### Kinston High School announces second quarter honor roll

#### "A" Honor Roll

##### 7th Grade

Ashley Carter, Brittany Hunko

##### 8th Grade

Dustin Hanks, Billy Johnson, Joshua Reeves, Courtney Stanley, Mitchell Whaley

##### 9th Grade

Jeremy Driver, Amanda Lashley, Megan Piland, Samantha Wambles

##### 10th Grade

Tara Williams

##### 11th Grade

April Hawthorne, Patrick Nelson

##### 12th Grade

Hollie Odom, Jason Wood

#### "A-B" Honor Roll

##### 7th Grade

Joshua Driver, Amber McCall, Candace Patterson, Ramsey

##### 12th Grade

Tiffany Wilson

### Valentine Sweetheart Pageant set for Feb. 3

The 2001 "Valentine Sweetheart Pageant" will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Elba High School. The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 is sponsoring the pageant, with all proceeds being used to finance numerous Lodge charities and projects.

Age divisions will include 0-12 months, 13-35 months, 3-5 years, 6-8 years, 9-11 years, 12-14 years and 15-18 years.

A winner and two alternates will be selected in each age division.

For more information, call 897-8301 after 4 p.m. Harry Young at 897-5097, Herb Winters at 897-3095 or Wayne Bryan at 897-2015.

**The Elba Public Library will be open on Saturday 9 a.m. until Noon beginning Feb. 3!!**

#### 9th Grade

Tiffany Dubose, Courtney Farris, Shae Farris, Jonathan Hataway, Daniel Holton, Ross Kelley, Megan King, Bridget Marlowe, Ashley Rushing, Hannah Seay, Hillary Sunblin, Chase Williams

#### 10th Grade

Elizabeth Farris, Jordan Keel

#### 11th Grade

Sarah Hataway, Ashley Johnson, Jamie Johnson, Matthew McInnis, Matthew Wilkison

#### 12th Grade

Ben Bradley, Ashley Hunko, Martha Swidergall, Tim Wood

#### 13th Grade

Jessica Kelley

### Herbal programs planned through extension

Those having a strong interest in herbs will probably enjoy attending the upcoming herbal programs planned for the Coffee Extension Center in New Brockton.

Elsie Hilton, Mary Estelle Hornsby and Wanda Shirley will share their knowledge of herbs with those interested in attending.

March 20 - Herbal Teas - just for enjoyment and for medicinal purposes.

April 17 - The work of Tom Bass "last of the old mountain herbs doctors".

Call the Extension office at 894-5596 by Jan. 19, if you plan to attend these sessions.

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January 23 - Planning your herb garden and medicinal herbs

February 20 - Cooking with herbs

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# The Elba Clipper

Elba Council cautioned on spending

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council heard auditor Bruce Keel's report to watch monthly sales tax numbers closely on a month-to-month basis and be ready to adjust city spending if there is a shortfall in predicted income.

Keel with Barr, Brunson, Wilkerson and Bowden, P.C. noted that the annual audit of all city accounts showed the city's cash position was down from \$10,000 per day to \$15,000 per day, effective April 1, 2001. The \$10,000 rate has been in effect since October 1, 1992.

Elba Mayor James Grimes said Elba spent a little over \$15,000 on housing of inmates last year and since the increase was to be in effect only for the half of the year, there should be no real adverse impact on the accounts.

The drop in the cash position will increase liabilities are in a large part due to the aggressive participation by Elba in the FEMA buy-out program, Keel noted. He said that a good bit of this up-front investment would come back to the city cash accounts once the houses have been disposed of and the accounts settled.

Recovering revenue (without buy-out and other state and federal grant programs) was up in 2000, compared to 1999, by about \$80,000... mostly due to sales tax increases, according to the accountant.

Water and Electric Department revenue was also up by \$184,000. However, the city needs to watch this closely also due to the adverse effects of closing of Enterprise Trailers will have on the use of electricity, Keel reminded the council members.

Agiculture Engineer from Auburn University, to speak on Irrigation.

Perspectives for South Alabama from 10 to 10-45 and the next speakers will be Jeff Tison from The American Quality-Cotton Association to talk on Impact of Cotton Quality on the Southeast from 10-45 until 11:15 a.m. From 11:15 to 12 noon "Cotton Market Outlook: What Lies Ahead in 2001?" will be presented by Ed Jernigan of Fimat USA, Inc.

A sponsored meal will be provided from noon until 1 p.m. From 1-2, Dale Monks of Auburn University will speak on Variety Considerations for 2001 for half an hour along with Bob Goodman discussing Marketing in the Red Zone. Also during the day will be a seminar on Marketing in the Red Zone. Also during the day will be a seminar on Marketing in the Red Zone.

These days when the name Kaye Whitworth is uttered, people automatically think of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; however, that name can now also be associated with the Elba Economic Development Corporation.

Economic development is not new to the city because the corporation has been in effect for the past couple of years, but the duty of director is new to Whitworth.

"We've had an economic development corporation for a couple of years, but the committee didn't feel it was effective in its previous state," said Elba Mayor James Grimes. "The committee has seen the great job Kaye has done with the chamber since being named its director a few years ago, so, they decided to combine the two and let her also oversee our economic development."

Whitworth was named director of the Elba Economic Development Corporation in November of 2000. This will accompany her already existing position as executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

Grimes said Whitworth will be working through the economic development corporation will be finding industries or businesses interested in locating within the city's industrial park.

"We're working to upgrade our industrial park," said Grimes. "Our new speculative building is nearly 98 percent completed, and we feel it will be a wonderful attraction for the city."

Whitworth said she is still working to orient herself with this additional responsibility; however, she said there already several projects she would like to see get started this year in regards to improving the

lege. She said the goal of \$1.5 million of support from the private community was off to a good start with over \$661,000

Council members were given copies of a letter from Coffee County Sheriff Bean Moates announcing that the daily cost of housing inmates in the Coffee County Jail will increase from \$10.00 per day to \$15.00 per day, effective April 1, 2001. The \$10.00 rate has been in effect since October 1, 1992.

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## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

The Rev. Jessie Jackson set himself up as a model for others to follow. He even preached on maintaining high morals and openly counseled former President Clinton after he got caught with someone other than his wife. The recent revelations of Jackson fathering a baby out of wedlock is not in itself unusual in today's world, but it is a terrible example for a person to be setting for those who believe in him so strongly. Jackson is himself an out-of-wedlock child and should know indeed has publicly spoken on the downside for the child of such events. It matters not if any particular individual thinks more or less of him as a man of God because of his yielding to human temptation and fathering this child with someone other than his wife. What matters most in this situation is the bad example it sets for the millions who continue to believe in Reverend Jessie Jackson and will tend to follow his example because "his actions made it alright." All this at a time when there is an effort to stem this ongoing and alarming explosion of single parent families in America. Hopefully, later disclosures will not indicate the money paid to the mother of this child by the Rainbow Coalition was "hush money."

Hopefully, anyone with the slightest interest in the 4-laning of U.S. 84 from Martin Luther King Drive to Curtis is aware of the public meeting scheduled at the Elba Elementary School next Monday from 5 until 7 p.m. These public meetings are very informal, with highway department representatives available to discuss any or all the project with those in attendance. There can be several discussions going on around the room, all at once, so a person doesn't have to sit through long drawn out talks about things or portions of the project in which they are not the least bit interested. Nor is it necessary to be dressed in your Sunday best to attend this informal event and get the information wanted. If you are interested, then you are the very person for which this hearing is being held.

Listening Monday evening as the City of Elba's auditor cautioned of being watchful on finances, we could only think about reports of the pending slowdown in the country's economy. On the state level, there is talk of a shortfall in tax revenue. A large part of that is due to failing to properly compute future income from some taxes after the legislature revamped corporate income taxes. Locally, the real concern centers around the closing of Dorseys Trailers and the continued fallout from that action. Regardless of how real any of those economic concerns really are, it is good business to do the things the auditor talked about at all times.

Myself and Millard Powell (of Geneva), representing the Governor's Disaster Recovery Task Force, and Barbara Gibson, of the Choc, Pea, Yellow River and Watershed Authority (in Troy) accompanied Elba Mayor James Grimes and new Geneva Mayor Warren Beck to Montgomery last Tuesday afternoon to meet with a whole bunch of state officials and work out details of the 35% match funds needed to get levee rebuild projects started in the respective cities. There wasn't anyone in Montgomery passing our signed checks Tuesday afternoon, but the trip was productive. The biggest problem seems to be that there is apparently no one in the whole world who can say exactly how much money is going to be needed in each of the three fiscal years such a project will be ongoing. The money jugglers in Montgomery feel they need such information in order to do their jobs properly. The two mayors are working on some numbers, even as state officials are apparently finding bits and pieces of funds which can be used for the initial part of this work, at least the Elba part. We have had some feedback that indicates state officials are moving forward with finding funds, even as they wait for final figures from the mayors and the Army Corp of Engineers. Right now, the hold up with the Elba project is getting title to the impacted real estate, while the Geneva levee work is still in the survey/design stage and actual work can not get underway for the next 18-24 months. Representatives of the Corp are expected to be in Elba next week with guidelines to be followed in securing title to the needed property. They are also expected to give city officials property descriptions of all the impacted properties.

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removed from the sheriff department's vehicles to be sold. This also received the commissioners' approval.

In reviewing the county's road system, Tindell told commissioners that he had several roads he would like to submit to the Alabama Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration for reclassification - and the Alabama Department of Transportation and Enterprise Courthouse. This will be reported to the county when a proposal of deposit belonging to the CCPBA matures in about two months.

Approved an additional phone line for the Circuit Clerk's office in Enterprise.

Agreed to "loan" the Coffee County Public Building Authority approximately \$16,000 to settle with the architectural firm designing the Enterprise Courthouse. This will be reported to the county when a proposal of deposit belonging to the CCPBA matures in about two months.

Approved the transfer of budget funds to each of the Ino, Mt. Pleasant and Pine Level senior citizens centers. The amount is \$30,000 per each center.

Agreed to review the county employee handbook with the county's attorney and make any corrections that the commission and attorney see fit to make.

The date (deadline) for the conclusion of this program is in March of 2001.

Other actions taken by the

commission consisted of the following:

Approved Annie Kate Martin to serve as director of the Mt. Pleasant Senior Citizens Center.

Approved an additional phone line for each of District Judge Steven Blair's offices in Elba and Enterprise. This was done at his request.

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## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, January 15, 2001 investigated the following incidents: Four hours spent, one resisting arrest, two possessions of drug paraphernalia, one illegal possession of a controlled substance, one receiving stolen property, one robbery, five false alarms to appear, two criminal mischief, one public intoxication, one assault, one dog fight, one theft of property, one overdose, one and failure to produce a ticket.

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Michael Holland

by Bethibeth Schultz

This week's co-op spotlight focuses on Michael Holland. Michael is a 16-year-old employee of Goodson's Garage. His duties are cleaning up and doing service jobs. Michael says what he has learned from his job is, "to work on a car quickly and effectively."

Michael is the son of Sue Holland. He is a junior at Elba High School and attends Baptist Church. Michael is a member of VICA.

Kevin Kelley has inspired Michael the most throughout his life. After graduation, Michael plans on attending college then going into the Army.

### The finer things in life

by Amy Kirkland

It has been said that laughter is the best medicine. The average student's day is filled with homework, deadlines, studying and other stressful situations. It is important to take time out of hectic schedules to laugh and to laugh a little. Take a break and enjoy these jokes told by EHS students and teachers.

• A cow can jump into a bar and say "Ouch!"

• Why did the turtle cross the road? To get to the Shell station.

• What do you call a cow with three legs? Lean beef.

• What did the ocean say to the shore? Nothing, it just waved.

• What did one light bulb say to the other light bulb? I like you a watt.

• How did the snowman get around town? He rode his ice-icle.

• It takes a big man to cry, but it takes a bigger man to laugh at that man.

• Why did the sick bird go to the doctor? To get treatment.

• What's the better fighter – a turnip or a chicken? A turnip, it's not chicken.

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## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
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### Journalism staff gives presentation to Elba school board members

by Bethany Dye  
The week of January 7-13 was National School Board of Education Week. At the Elba City Schools board meeting on January 11, the School Board members were presented with certificates of recognition by Superintendent Danny Weeks.

Then a presentation was given by the EHS Journalism Staff. Mrs. Margaret Calhoun gave a video introduction from Parent's Night (October).

The board meeting was certainly a learning experience.

## Student Spotlight

by Francie English

Name: Summer Strickland

Parents: Perry and Dottie Strickland

Age: 13-years-old

Grade: 7th

Favorite Color: Neon Pink

Favorite Music: Country and R&amp;B

Clubs/Activities: SGA, FCA, Volleyball, and Softball

Interest/Hobbies: Swimming, Softball, Volleyball, and Being with friends

Personal Quote: "Whatever".

Summer's favorite subject in school is science because she enjoys doing the experiments.

The one thing she likes most about Elba High School is the choices she has in athletics.

The one class that she wishes she could take is French; however, that class isn't offered at EHS.

After Summer graduates, she



Summer Strickland

plans on attending Auburn University to become a Veterinarian.

Her most memorable moment at school was when her oldest brother, Lee Strickland, sang at the last pep rally of the year.

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## Drama: Goldilocks on trial



Mrs. Grimes' 4th grade reading class at Elba Elementary School recently participated in a drama

called, "Goldilocks on Trial." Pictured are the students in Mrs. Dye's 4th grade reading class. The play: (front row, l-r) Megan Sulliann; (middle row, l-r) Shelby Brunson, Kelly Corder, Meredith Brunson and Keenan Phillips; (back row, l-r) Maisie Thomas, Rachel Morrow, Cheesie Cross, Bradley Wilson and Sebastian Haddaway.

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# SPORTS

Views from....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Ever since the girls have gotten older, I have been the last one to get in the shower in the mornings. Our oldest takes a very long and very hot shower early each morning before she heads out to school, while our youngest will take a bath at night, but then get up and wash her hair in the morning. That didn't bother me until the cold weather rolled in this winter, but recently it seems like dear ole Dad gets to take a cool shower every morning, if he is lucky. I will admit that taking a cool shower gets the blood flowing and helps save water. However, it does little else to get you ready when the weather is cold outside, too!

### TAKING A FEW FREE SHOTS....

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers scored their chances at winning the area title all but end last week with an upset loss to Luverne, but the Tigers did rebound Saturday night and buried cross-county rival New Brockton in front of a big crowd at the Elba High gym to reach the 10-win plateau for the season. The Tigers, which had easily defeated Opp earlier in the week, scored the first 14 points of the game in the blow-out win over the Gamecocks, and led by as many as 33 points early in the fourth quarter before slowing things down and allowing New Brockton to stage a late rally. Maybe Elba's players found out in Luverne that they have to play well, no matter the competition, to win basketball games, and if they remember that lesson, the upset loss will serve some good. The Tigers won a solid 10-6 record with three weeks left on the season. However, all games left will be tough ones, and the Tigers will have to be at their best if they hope to hold and post a winning record.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers moved up to 9th in the state in last week's high school basketball standings and celebrated their new lofty ranking by rolling to easy wins over Opp, Luverne, and New Brockton. The 22-point win over Opp avenged an early-season loss to the Lady Bobcats, while the Lady-Tigers really put on a show Saturday night when they scored 45 first half points and coasted to a 24-point win over New Brockton. The Lady-Tigers still have a very good shot at joining the top 8 area teams in the area tournament at the end of the season, but they will have to play at a very high level to get past some of their upcoming opponents, and maybe that they are ranked high in the polls, the Elba girls will have a bullseye on their backs every time they hit the court. It won't be easy, but this bunch appears to be getting better and better as the wins pile up.

\*\*\* The area basketball scene continued to roll along last week and it was just another so-so week for teams in the area as Brantley and Zion Chapel both picked up one win, while Kinston and New Brockton failed to post a win. The biggest news of the week came up at Zion Chapel, where the Rebels posted a big 15-point win over Kinston. The Bulldogs had been playing well and expected to add a win over their cross-county rivals, but the Rebels snuck up on the Dogs and applied an old-fashioned whipping to their neighbors. New Brockton's girls posted two big area wins last week and closed out the week with an 8-8 record, while Kinston's Lady Bulldogs grabbed their first win of the season with a victory over Zion Chapel. It's been a very good season for any of the teams in the area as far as the losses go, and I am sure the school officials are very young and these fans have to support the youngsters and believe that better days are ahead because they are!

\*\*\* The Elba Athletic Club is a-springing, reorganizing in an effort to better support all the sports at Elba High School, and I am all the Elba Tiger and Lady Tiger supporters to jump on board and help the programs. It takes support in the bleachers, and I am sure the school officials will be glad to work with any supporters that want to help work on a field, or help renovate a building or facility. Support comes in many fashions, and I'll just bet ya that you will be welcomed with open arms.

\*\*\* In closing, the Elba Recreation Department is in the midst of its youth basketball season, and plans are already taking shape for the upcoming baseball and softball seasons, as well as work to be done on the new soccer complex. The Rec staff welcomes the busy season, but it would be glad to work with any volunteers that might be willing to help in coming weeks and months. Give us a call.

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Push record to 10-6

## Tigers crush Gamecocks 58-31



Elba's Tim Andrews (in black) finds himself surrounded by the Zion Chapel defense in a recent Tiger win. The Tigers will host the Rebels next Tuesday night, in Elba.

### Tigers stop Opp 51-29

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back last Tuesday night as they pounded the Opp Bobcats 51-29 in a recent area win.

The Tigers upped their record to 9-5 with the win, while the Bobcats slipped to 8-8 with the loss.

Both teams got off to a slow start offensively as the Tigers crawled out to an 8-4 lead after one quarter of play. However, Elba began to pick up the pace in the second quarter, and sparked by the outside shooting of Derrick Brooks and the inside power of John Mitchell the Tigers outscored the Bobcats 18-4 in the stanza to open up a 26-10 halftime advantage.

Mitchell continued to get the Bobcats into trouble in the third quarter as he scored 9 points to lead Elba increase its lead to 39-26 while in the final quarter, Mitchell and Alan Head both scored from inside to help the Tigers pull away and post the 51-29 win.

Elba (51): Burks 4, Barnes 3, Head 4, Andrews 4, Henderson 3, Brooks 10, Mitchell 23.

Opp (29): Henderson 4, Austin 2, Bell 4, Harris 7, Thompson 12.

**Elba Tiger JV post three straight wins to improve record to 6-7**

The Elba Tiger junior varsity hit the hardwood three times last week and won all three games to improve their record for the season-6-7.

Following are highlights of last week's three wins:

**ELBA 53  
OPP 47**

The Elba Tiger JV used a big second quarter to pull ahead and then pulled away in the final stanza to post a wild 53-47 win over the Opp Bobcats, last Tuesday night in Elba.

The Tigers trailed 16-13 after the first quarter, but poured in 18 points in the second stanza to grab a 31-28 halftime lead and then pulled away late to claim the 53-47 win.

Dwyers Reynolds scored 14 points and Colby Skinner added 9 to lead Elba while Daniel Coleman scored 15 points to lead Opp.

Elba (53): Skinner 9, Curran 8, Wade 5, Gavin 7, Allen 8, Reynolds 2, Thigpen 1.

Luverne (33): Daniels 10, Rutledge 11, Reed 7, Freeman 5.

**ELBA 39  
N.B. 32**

The Elba Tiger JV spotted New Brockton an early lead and then came storming back Saturday night to defeat the Gamecocks 39-32, in Elba.

Dwyers Reynolds scored 14 points and Colby Skinner added 9 to lead Elba while Daniel Coleman scored 15 points to lead Opp.

Elba (39): Curran 7, Wade 7, Gavin 7, Allen 2, Reynolds 10, Kelley 4.

N.B. (32): Medley 2, Hart 7, Smith 16, Anderson 2, Fox 2, Owens 3.

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Push record to 10-6

## Tigers crush Gamecocks 58-31

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers scored their first 14 points of the game to take command and were never challenged Saturday night as they coasted to a 58-31 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks, in Elba.

The win improved Elba's record to 10-6, while New Brockton saw its record fall to 2-16 with the loss.

The Tigers came out determined to pound the ball inside against the smaller Gamecocks, and the plan worked to perfection as Elba's John Mitchell scored 10 of the Tigers' first 14 points to help Elba pull out to a 14-2 advantage with 2:52 remaining in the first quarter.

The Tigers took their biggest lead of the night at 57-24 with 5:41 left in the fourth quarter on a short jumper by Tim Andrews, and even though Elba scored only one point the remainder of the game, it made no difference as the Tigers rolled to the impressive 58-31 win.

Travis Slawson ended the Gamecocks' scoring drought with 14-2 left in the quarter on a short jumper by Tim Andrews, and even though Elba scored only one point the remainder of the game, it made no difference as the Tigers rolled to the impressive 58-31 win.

John Mitchell scored two quick baskets early in the third quarter as Elba upped its lead to 37-17, while Mitchell and Marcus Henderson keyed an 11-0 run midway through the stanza as the Tigers blew the game wide open by moving ahead 48-20 with 2:21 remaining in the quarter.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## CareerLink opens on the square in downtown Elba

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

For those who have often wished they had a place to brush up on their business skills, the square in Elba has become the place to be to accommodate those needs.

CareerLink, a local branch of the South Alabama Skills Center, recently opened at its location on the square in Elba next to Recollections, Antiques and Unique.

CareerLink is a federally funded program that is open to the general public and is designed to help people looking for a job.

"We're here for anyone who needs help looking for a job," said Mandy Waters, CareerLink instructor. "Whether it's helping them brush up on their job readiness skills, helping fill out an application or creating a resume, we are here to help."

She said the office is open weekdays from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. and is open to anyone looking for assistance. There are computers with Internet access available for use, as well as information on jobs in the area and literature regarding schools.

"We are still in the process of getting set up right now," said Waters. "But, we hope to be fully equipped soon."

She said although the office is not 100 percent equipped at this point to supply all the needs of the people, they are still ready to help or point an individual in the right direction of where he or she might need to



The Elba Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed CareerLink to Elba with an official ribbon cutting ceremony. Those present for the ceremony were (left to right): Little Miss Elba Molly McGuire, Kaye Whitworth - executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, Ted Roberts, Kaye Bowdin - CareerLink Instructor, Doris Mathews, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Robyn Stinson - CareerLink Facilitator, Mandy Waters - CareerLink Instructor, Miss Elba Valarie Moore, Mike Hall, Tonya Jones and Herby McAll.

go to get the best assistance for a particular situation.

However, she said, CareerLink is not able to help someone obtain their GED studies, but there is an adult basic education class that meets in the office building during the evenings, that is strictly a GED course.

The adult basic education course is taught through Enterprise State Junior College and uses the CareerLink building in Elba as its classroom. She said she encourages any-

## American-Red Cross to hold blood drive at NBHS

The Coffee County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive on Friday, Jan. 26, at New Brockton High School from 12:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. Coffee County is a part of the Mobile Region of the American Red Cross, and the blood supply for the region is desperately low. According to the American Red Cross, the Gulf Coast Region is in desperate need of all blood types. Right now, O-, A- and B- blood types are extremely scarce. Everyone is encouraged to donate and give the Gift of Life.

## Studies show erosion of unpaved roads carries to streams & rivers

According to studies, about 70 percent (4 million tons) of the sediment load being carried into the streams and rivers in this area of the state comes from erosion associated with the 2,000 miles of unpaved roads in five southeastern counties of Alabama. An estimated 600,000 tons of sediment reaches the Choctawhatchee Bay each year. Over 100 fish species have been described for the Choctawhatchee River basin with numbers of fish and water quality declining over time due to habitat loss and poor water quality, primarily attributed to erosion and sedimentation occurring throughout the basin. Recognizing this problem, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved a grant to develop a manual to define the best management practices for grading and drainage of unpaved roads to reduce the potential for erosion of roadways and side ditches.

Since there were no standard procedures or training manuals available to grader operators or supervisors involved with maintenance of these roads, most operators adopted practices based on personal experience with the outcome focused on the objective of keeping the road to accommodate traffic. Frequent grading of the dirt surfaces and pulling the ditches loosen the soils contributing to erosion. Sediment generated from erosion on adjacent farm lands, non-stabilized roadway surfaces, and ditches, along these unpaved roads is transported by runoff directly to the streams and results in channel filling, habitat and fishery losses, and high turbidity levels.

The Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority, with funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and nine southeastern Alabama counties, contracted with Polyengineering, Inc. of Dothan to develop a Recommended Practices Manual to define better practices for grading and maintaining unpaved roads. County Engineers from the ten southeastern counties were involved in the development of this manual. In addition to the manual, a video was produced showing examples of actual grading operations and the results achieved by adhering to these practices. Training sessions were held in Barbour, Dale, Geneva and Covington counties involving classroom training, utilizing the manual and training video, and on-site road and ditch grading demonstrations with county equipment operators. These training sessions were a great success with several out-of-state groups attending also.

One of the most important aspects in implementing these new and improved methods is educating the public to recognize the value of adopting better ways to maintain unpaved roads. Adhering to the best management practices for grading roads will enhance natural resources, conservation by helping to protect the aquatic habitat and its species and will meet the basic objectives of minimizing sediment transported to the streams through maintaining the roads to an acceptable level of vehicular traffic.

## Sam Floyd celebrates fourth birthday

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Sam Floyd

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LOOKING GOOD...although you won't be able to see it from the ground. The Elba Recreation Center building located on Claxton Avenue is getting a new roof. The metal (tin) is being installed this week, and on Tuesday, the day the picture above was taken, city workers were more than half finished with the installation. According to Elba City Clerk Don Morrow, the cost of the new cover is approximately \$5,500.00 with the cost being held to a minimum by using city maintenance personnel to install the roof. Recreation Director Ricky Mularz said that the new roof was long overdue with it becoming harder and harder to stop the leaks now that we're finally getting some rain.

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